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Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition: National Webinar

October 25, 2022

Webinar Agenda



- **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
 - Noah Patton, Housing Policy Analyst for Disaster Recovery, National Low Income Housing Coalition
- **National Panelists**
 - Elvin Louren-Torres, Advisor, Disaster Recovery & Rebuilding, Fannie Mae
 - Kate Bulger, Senior Director, Business Development, Money Management International
 - Timothy Carpenter, Senior Director,, Disaster Recovery & Rebuilding, Fannie Mae
- **Madison Sloan, Director, Disaster Recovery and Fair Housing, Texas Appleseed**
- **State and Local Panelists:**
 - *Florida*
 - Gladys Cook, Director, Resiliency and Recovery, Florida Housing Coalition
 - *Puerto Rico*
 - Veronica Gonzalez Rodriguez, Litigation Coordinator and Community Attorney, Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico
- **DHRC Legislative Priorities**
 - Noah Patton, NLIHC Housing Policy Analyst

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BUT NEXT TIME: STORM SURVIVORS DEMAND OVERHAUL OF DISASTER RECOVERY SYSTEM

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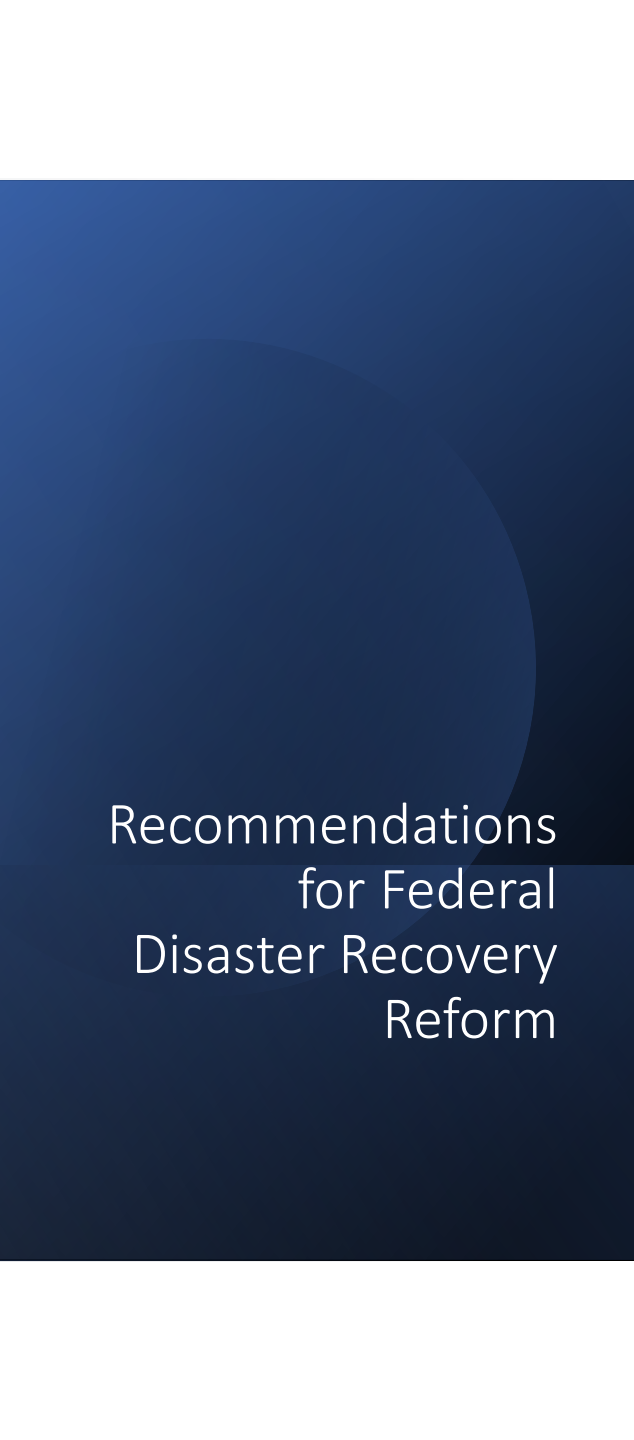


Vision and Values

- Let Survivors Lead
 - Disaster survivors are the experts on what's broken and how to fix it.
- Center Equity
 - Disasters don't affect everyone equally and response, recovery, and mitigation must affirmatively address these disproportionate impacts. There is no effective recovery without equity.
- Prioritize People
 - Center survivors in recovery systems, not corporate profits or furthering inequitable policies.
- Address the Root Cause
 - Structural problems require systemic reform.

Who is hit “worst and first” by climate disasters?

Time and time again the same families and communities are hit “worst and first” by disasters: they are located in geographically vulnerable areas, disproportionately affected, and have a harder time recovering. They are on the frontlines of disaster and climate change and include: homeowners, renters, the less affluent, working class families, seniors, children, people with disabilities, women, Black people, Latinx people, Asian-American and Pacific Islander and other people of color, LGBTQ+ people, immigrants, Indigenous and Native people, people who live in rural areas, and all people who have been historically marginalized and disadvantaged by a system that prioritizes wealth and property over ensuring the safety and health of communities.



Recommendations for Federal Disaster Recovery Reform

Recommendation 1: Get money to people faster.

Recommendation 2: All survivors deserve access to a full and fair recovery system that serves our communities equitably.

Recommendation 3: Flood insurance should work for disaster survivors and not against them.

Recommendation 4: Recovery doesn't mean everything goes back to the way it was before. All families and communities should not only recovery but be less vulnerable to future disasters.

Recommendation 5: Disaster recovery reform must be systemic, not piecemeal.

The current United States disaster recovery system is not designed for the increasing frequency and severity of climate disasters and the United States cannot afford to put off changes to the disaster recovery system that protect all communities; the cost of inaction is too great.

This report provides a roadmap for real and meaningful reform of the American disaster recovery system based on the expertise and lived experience of disaster survivors. While there have been some recent helpful policy changes systemic reform has been stalled at the legislative level or delayed in favor of prolonged review and planning processes. It is time to gather the political will and transform our disaster recovery system.

Resources and Contact Information

Report:

<https://www.organizingresilience.org/but-next-time-report>

Podcast:

<https://risehomestories.com/but-next-time/home/>

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Reforming Disaster Recovery Act of 2021



Bipartisan support:

- S. 2471, Brian Schatz (D-HI), Susan Collins (R-ME), Todd Young (R-IN), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA), Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Representative Al Green (D-TX)

Permanently authorizes the CDBG-DR program

Targets resources to those with greatest need

- Requiring equitable distribution of resources between housing, infrastructure, and economic development
- Requiring proportional funds between homeowners and renters

Prioritizes data transparency and oversight

Protects civil rights and fair housing

Encourages mitigation and resiliency

Moving Forward



- Currently
 - Version in the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
 - Version in the Senate Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriation Bill
 - End of Year Packages
- Previously
 - Passed the House in 2019
 - Endorsed by HUD and Government Accountability Office in last two Administrations
 - Survey by Bipartisan Policy Center: 97% of CDBG-DR grantees supported permanent authorization
- Currently Collecting Organizational Sign-Ons:
<https://p2a.co/Vj1MkoT>

Ongoing DHRC Calls and WG's



- National Call
 - Tuesdays at 2:00pmEST
 - Hurricane Ian, Hurricane Fiona, Kentucky Flooding
 - National-level messaging and report outs
- Disaster Recovery Working Group
 - Wednesdays at 2:00pmEST
 - Detailed discussion on disaster policy and advocacy
 - Report outs by advocates from impacted areas
 - RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3Rm08rb>
- Puerto Rico Working Group
 - Thursdays at 3:00pmEST
 - Detailed discussion on PR issues, Hurricane Maria/2020 Earthquakes/Hurricane Fiona recovery
 - Open to survivors and advocates in Puerto Rico/others by invite
 - Send email to npatton@nlihc.org to join